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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION ON CARICOM

1. USDOC/OIM IN PROCESS OF UPDATING OVERSEAS BUSINESS REPORT (OBR) 75-24 OF JUNE 1975, "THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND COMMON MARKET: THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR US BUSINESS".

2. TO MAKE REPORT MORE USEFUL TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ACTION POSTS WISH TO MAKE. WE ARE INTERESTED IN BOTH THE CURRENCY AND THE QUALITY OF THE REPORT. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN JOINT MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION EFFORTS OR IN INTRA CARICOM MARKETING AGREEMENTS NOT ALREADY REPORTED WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. FOR GEORGETOWN: WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN A) ANY MODIFICATION OF THE CXT; B) WHETHER ALL CARICOM MEMBERS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADHERING TO CXT (OUR UNDERSTANDING) EVEN THOUGH SOME HAVE

UNTIL 1985 TO COMPLY; C) HOW SPECIFIC DUTIES BY WEIGHT, VOLUME, ETC ARE BEING HANDLED IN LIGHT OF THE VARIATIONS OF CURRENCY AMONG CARICOM MEMBERS. WE CONTINUALLY HEAR OF GREAT INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN MEMBERS APPLICATION OF THE CXT TO WINES AND LIQUORS, FOR INSTANCE. CLARIFICATION WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

4. FOR BRIDGETOWN: PLEASE UPDATE SECTION ON THE CDB INCLUDING ANY MODIFICATIONS OR NEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST PUBLICATION. ANY COMMENTS YOU WISH TO MAKE ON THE BANK'S PROGRESS, EFFECTIVENESS AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. HABIB

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